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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

Application of MyRide SC, LLC for Class C (Non-Emergency) Certificate of Public

Convenience and Necessity for Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier

Docket No: 2022-88-T

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 24, 2022, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") issued Order No. 2022-171, which requested that the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") investigate the Application of MyRideSC, LLC ("Application") and the letters of protest filed by Ms. Candace Burch on March 17, 2022, and Ms. Maria Walker, on March 10, 2022, 1 with the Commission.

Regarding the safety of any vehicles in operation by MyRide SC, LLC, the ORS conducts a thorough inspection of every entity that applies for a Class C (Non-Emergency) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity based on Commission Rules and regulations to ensure each applicant meets the requirements of Fit, Willing and Able.<sup>2</sup> ORS conducts this inspection as part of the compliance stage following the Commission's issuance of its order, which has typically allowed for a 90 day period during which ORS conducts its inspection. In the event the inspection yields findings that a company's vehicle(s) are not safe or fail to meet any aspect necessary to be fit, willing, and able the company fails the inspection, and ORS does not issue the certificate.

The protest letter filed by Ms. Burch on March 17, 2022, asserted that there may not be a need for an additional Class C (Non-Emergency) licensed carrier in the counties for which MyRide SC, LLC sought approval to operate. ORS does not offer an opinion regarding the need for Class C (Non-Emergency) carriers.

Accordingly, ORS inspects each applicant before issuing certificates to ensure compliance and to help ensure the safety of the general public. Should the Commission issue an order granting the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Order No. 2022-171 only referenced a single Letter of Protest; however, there were two filed in this docket and, as a result, ORS is assuming that the Order intended both be reviewed in the ORS investigation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133.

certificate requested in the Application, ORS intends to conduct its standard inspection on the applicant and will ensure the company is in compliance before issuing the certificate.

Sincerely,

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